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a box-shaped structure having a plate portion and a side surface portion provided around said plate portion and formed integrally therewith;

wherein notches extending from the edge of said side surface portion to a part of said plate portion are provided at a plurality of locations along the edge of said side surface portion; and

wherein said side surface portion is divided into projections by said notches, said projections extending downwardly from said plate portion and terminating in tips that conduct electromagnetic radiation to a ground, and said respective projections are supported by the plate portion with said respective tips being elastically displaceable during the shielding of said electromagnetic radiation.

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on June 4, 2002. Claims 1-17 and 19-26 are pending in the present application. **Claim 19-26 are allowed.**

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REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103

Claims 1-3, 5 and 17-18 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stickney et al. (U.S. Patent 4,754,101), while claims 4, 6, 7 and 16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stickney et al. In addition, claims 8-15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stickney et al. and further in view of Hood III et al. (U.S. Patent 6,049,469). With respect Applicant's amendments and arguments dated March 18, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the use of the language "adapted to" rendered the claims broad enough to encompass the prior art.

Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended the claims to further define the present invention over the cited art. Specifically, Applicant has defined in claims 1-

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16 that the conductive covering plate has a plate surface and an edge, that the plurality of connecting strips provided along the edge of said covering plate extend along said plate surface and downwardly from said edge and terminating in tip portions that conduct electromagnetic radiation from said conductive covering plate to a ground, wherein each of the connecting strips of the plurality is bent so that the tip portion thereof projects partially outwardly from said plate surface of the covering plate and makes resilient surface contact with a ground. Support for such amendment is clearly found in the specification and drawings (see in particular FIGS. 4A and 4B) as filed.

Applicant has also defined in claim 17 that the plate portion and the side surface portion are formed integrally therewith, that the projections extend downwardly from said plate portion and terminating in tips that conduct electromagnetic radiation to a ground, and said respective projections are supported by the plate portion with said respective tips being elastically displaceable during the shielding of said electromagnetic radiation. Support for such amendment is also clearly found in the specification and drawings as filed.

It is believed that such amendments clearly define the claimed invention over the cited art, and that Stickney et al.'s pins (20) and bent flange ends (26) cannot reasonably read upon the claimed invention. The claims have been amended to define a projection portion extending from a plate surface that terminates in a displaceable grounding pin portion, which is clearly structurally distinct from the teaching of Stickney et al. Again, Stickney et al. only teaches a shield having a plurality of pins disposed around the perimeter of the plate, with each pin extending downward through a circuit board and being fixed in place. The pins are not grounding and are not movable relative to the circuit board, and the bent flange ends fail to read upon the structural limitations as now claimed.

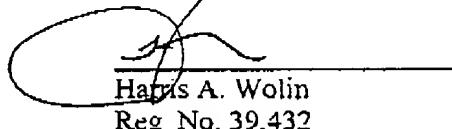
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, and in addition to already allowed claims 19-26, it is believed that claims 1-17, consisting of independent claims 1 and 17 and the claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED APPLICATION - 09/658,198IN THE CLAIMS

1. (TWICE AMENDED) An electromagnetic shielding plate for shielding electromagnetic radiation by covering at least a part of an object comprising:
a conductive covering plate having a plate surface and an edge; and
a plurality of connecting strips provided along the edge of said covering plate, said connecting strips extending along said plate surface and downwardly from said edge and terminating in [having] tip portions [adapted to] that conduct electromagnetic radiation from said conductive covering plate to a ground;

wherein each of the connecting strips of the plurality is bent so that the tip portion thereof projects partially outwardly from [a] said plate surface of the covering plate and [is adapted to] makes resilient surface contact with a ground.

8. (AMENDED) An electromagnetic shielding plate according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of connecting strips includes a first group of connecting strips, the tips of which are bent toward [one] a first surface of said covering plate, and a second group of connecting strips, the tips of which are bent toward [another] a second surface of said covering plate.

9. (AMENDED) An electromagnetic shielding plate according to Claim 8, characterized in that both first and second surfaces of said covering plate are provided with a supporting portion for establishing a space between said electromagnetic shielding plate and said object respectively.

17. (TWICE AMENDED) An electromagnetic shielding plate for shielding electromagnetic radiation by covering at least a part of an object comprising:

a box-shaped structure having a plate portion and a side surface portion provided around said plate portion and formed integrally therewith;

wherein notches extending from the edge of said side surface portion to a part of said plate portion are provided at a plurality of locations along the edge of said side surface portion; and

wherein said side surface portion is divided into projections by said notches, said projections [having] extending downwardly from said plate portion and terminating in tips [for] that conduct[ing] electromagnetic radiation to a ground, and said respective projections are supported by the plate portion with said respective tips being elastically displaceable during the shielding of said electromagnetic radiation.